

Friday Night - May 13th

Elmaro Vineyard
N14756 Delaney Rd,
Trempealeau, WI 54661
(608) 534-6456
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

You Are Invited!

The Friends of Trempealeau Refuge would like to invite you to unwind for a night at Elmaro Vineyard for an incredible presentation by Mr. Alan Stankevitz and wine tasting.

Alan Stankevitz (wildlife/bird photographer) will share with us his award-winning photography and videography of birds along the Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge. He has captured the beauty of refuge birds from behind the lens of his camera.

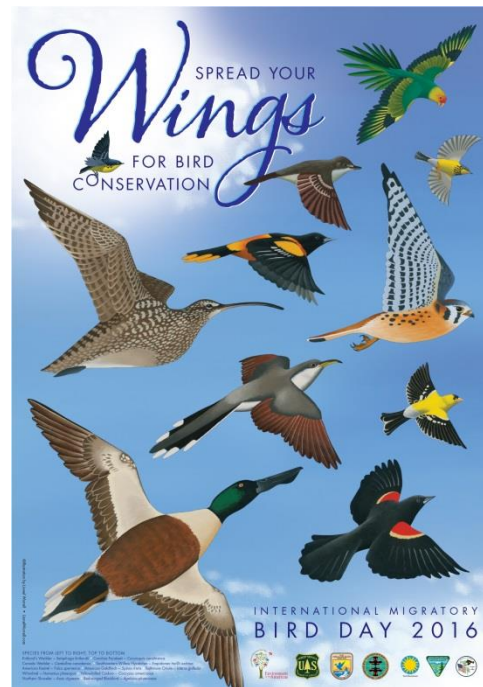


We hope you can join us for his presentation at 6:30 pm.

As part of International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) celebration and in conjunction with Elmaro Vineyards, and Environment for America's (sponsor of IMBD), a special "Bird Day Red" wine is being bottled at this local winery in Trempealeau, Wisconsin. Commemorative bottles will be available the night of the special presentation.

Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge

Annual Bird Festival



Saturday
May 14, 2016
8 AM to 1 PM

This year we celebrate...

Spread Your Wings For Bird Conservation

In 2016, International Migratory Bird Day will focus on how birds have inspired many of the most significant environmental conservation actions in the Americas. Citizens all over the world are inspired to support programs and laws that protect birds and their habitats, including the Migratory Bird Treaty. This year we celebrate 100 years of migratory bird conservation with the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty.

Benefits of migratory birds...

- Connecting people with nature
- Contributing to environmental benefits
- Indicating environmental health
- Playing a key role in the U.S. economy



Our festival will feature a variety of activities that will give you birding fever! One way to help bird conservation is to JOIN US to celebrate!

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At Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge, we work closely with a variety of partners to ensure refuge management strategies accomplish and promote sound conservation practices for all wildlife species. We rely a great deal on the power of our partnerships such as refuge volunteers, Friends of Trempealeau Refuge, other federal, state and local agencies to reach our goals. Thank you to all entities that work closely with this refuge, those that love this refuge and make it a place where wildlife and people come together.

You Can Be A Partner Just By Doing These Simple Things for Birds:

- Plant native plants.
- Avoid using pesticides in your yard.
- Use leashes for both cats and dogs when enjoying the outdoors.
- Volunteer for a bird conservation project.
- Take some young folks birding!

To find more information about Bird Conservation, please visit
<http://www.migratorybirdday.org/>

For refuge information or more festival details, contact Jennifer Lilla @ Jennifer_lilla@fws.gov or call, 608-539-2311, x. 6

Visit our website for upcoming refuge events and information!
<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/trempealeau/>

More Fun Bird Stuff

Coulee Wildlife Rehab Center 9:00 AM

Join us at the activities tent to learn from our friends at Coulee Wildlife Rehab Center and how wild animals are helped when injured or become sick. Some live animals will be on site to learn from! Meet at the festival activities tent. Programs will be ongoing.

Bird Banding Demonstrations 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Watch how wild birds are banded and recorded for research purposes. Participants will get a band for joining in!

Event Partners

Thanks to everyone who made this special day possible!

- Friends of Trempealeau Refuge
- Refuge Volunteers
- Upper Miss Refuge
- U.S. Geological Survey – La Crosse Office
- UMESC- Upper Midwest
- Environmental Science Center
- International Migratory Bird Day
- Elmaro Vineyards
- Trempealeau Chamber of Commerce
- Trempealeau Elementary

Special Hikes and More

"Early Bird" Gets the Worm!

Bird hike with Dan Jackson!

7:00 AM *Duration: 1.5 hours*

Take an early morning walk with experienced birders to see who's flitting around so early in the morning!

Prairie Wildflower Walk

9:00 AM *Duration: 1 hour*

Take a walk in the prairie with refuge volunteers to see what is blooming!

Canoeing for Wildlife!

10:00 AM *Duration: 1.5 hours*

Take a canoe tour in search of birds on refuge pools - canoes and life jackets provided or participants may bring their own. An adult must accompany children. Meet at the refuge boat ramp.

Pre-registration required - call (608) 539-2311 ext.6

Discovering Birds and Beyond

11:30 AM *Duration: 45 minutes*

Calling all birders and especially kids between the ages of 4-12! Join us for a birding nature hike! Kids can earn a patch! Birders will learn the basics of how to spot a bird, identify it, and use field guides and binoculars. Participants will receive a simple bird journal and begin their journey of discovering the world of birds and more!

On-Going Activities

Wild and Edible Landscaping

Come talk to Coulee Region Ecoscapes about what you can do in your yard to provide habitat and food for the birds, bees, and butterflies! Learn how to make your yard more functional and sustainable with Edible Landscaping!

What's Your Wingspan?

Come learn about birds and their amazing wings! Glide, flap, soar, and hover... it is all about the wings! You will be AMAZED!

CSI - Critter Scooping Investigators!

Be an aquatic critter investigator! Come by and get a close up look at all the cool critters that make a healthy wetland!

Let's Go Outside

Adventure backpacks will be available for check-out all day long.



Art in the Refuge

Let your creative side shine at this fun activity station. Color, design, and create a birding memory. Everyone can join in and be an artist for the day!

Eat Like A Bird!

Tasty snacks will be on hand from our Friends Group while supplies last.

Displays on Parade...

Several exciting displays will be available for viewing at the Big Tent including:

- The Friends photo contest winners
- Jr. Duck Stamp artwork
- Migration projects from Trempealeau Elementary 3rd Grade

Books for Everyone!

Stop in at our Friends bookstore located inside the Refuge office to browse a wonderful line up of nature related books!



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